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Peninsula CERT Exercise

On a rainy, overcast Saturday morning, May 18 2013, 17 members of Gloucester CERT put on their vests, grabbed their gear and headed for the Peninsula CERT training exercise in Newport News, Virginia.

After a hearty breakfast of ham, eggs, grits, biscuits and apple cobbler, plus coffee and juice, (if it were only so), the team was ready to take on the tasks set by the powers that be. Actually the Red Cross only provided coffee, water and crackers, but it was still a warm welcome.

Per the given scenario, a

storm hit South Morrison for 3- 4 hours. Substantial damage was expected and several people may have



been injured.

CERT teams activated a Command Center and went into action assessing, com-

municating, planning and treating injured victims.

A short, 35-minute hot wash was conducted on scene. A wealth of information regarding techniques and procedures was obtained.

The team walked away with knowledge which will be shared in an upcoming hot wash. This is essential in ensuring our organization is as prepared as possible to meet and conquer any challenges we may face in the future.

Kudos to those that came out. You are now that much more prepared.

A Special Thank You For Exercise Participation

On behalf of our Emergency Management Coordinator, C. Creig Moore, and CERT Team Program Manager, Jane Wenner, a very special Thank You to the following Team Members:

Stanford Owens, Sarah Farmer, Bob Warren, Wes Winfree, Bonnie Grant, Clyde Rising, Pete Hutchison, Tim Guju, Cari Brown, Patti Brandt, Bob Howe, Mark Cheresnowsky, Bart Drummond, Darren

Davis and Joe Pescador. Job well done !



KUDOS KORNER



Cari Browne

Kudos goes out to all CERT members who participated in the Peninsula CERT exercise on 18 May 2013.

While there is no doubt that everyone was a winner, one member stood out among the rest.

CERT member Cari Browne is a multi talented and dedicated young lady. Her skills include a particular strength in the Special

Needs Field. She has a B.A. in French, and is currently pursuing a Degree in Advanced Computer Sciences, finalizing with a Degree in Emergency Management.

Just as importantly, she has spearheaded our "Gloucester CERT" Facebook page and filled it with timely and helpful information.

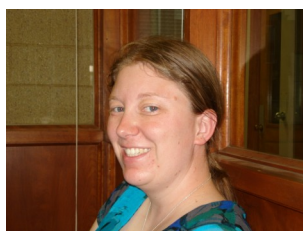
Apart from CERT, she is a role player for local and military scenarios.

No matter the task at hand, she always finds time to come to someone's aid, even if it's just to lend a friendly ear.

This is typical of the level of dedication that makes us who we are. Ordinary people making a difference in our community.

She brings to the table youth and 9 years of EMT experience!

Introducing: Heather Brown



We welcome our new Emergency Management Intern.

Heather Brown is now

assisting our Emergency Management Coordinator, Mr. C. Creig Moore, in rewriting the Gloucester County Emergency Operations Plan or EOP and its many Annexes.

Tireless is the word which describes her the best! When she is not assisting in our office,

she works in Busch Gardens as an EMT, volunteers as an EMT Firefighter in Gloucester County, and is working towards a Masters Degree in Emergency Management !!! WOW

I wonder... Does she do windows too?

Did you know...

The National Hurricane Center issues a Hurricane Warning to alert specific regions when sustained winds of 74 mph or greater are forecast for the area within the next 24 hours. All necessary precautions must be taken immediately. Your family



should already be in the process of securing their property and relocating to a safe place to wait out the storm.

Monitor weather reports via television and radio to stay informed.



What is a Hurricane Warning?

Who's who ...



CERT— Safety Officer Mark Cheresnowsky keeps his eyes open and makes sure you go home okay!



CERT—Public Information Officer Bonnie Grant keeps her ears open for any information which may be essential to the Media Team.



CERT —Planning Section Chief Wes Winfree anticipates contingencies and helps ensure all response activities keep running smoothly.

CERT QUIZ

1. CERT members functioning in emergency services are generally protected by "_____ " laws.
2. In which major San Francisco earthquake did the most people die, and how many? ____/____
3. Major earthquakes appear to occur in cycles of between 50 and _____ years.
4. Roughly _____ percent of all fire deaths occur where people sleep, such as homes, dormitories, barracks or hotels.
5. Approximately how many senior citizens die in fires annually? _____

Bonus: A fully developed room fire has temperatures over _____ degrees Fahrenheit?

All answers are found in Unit 1 of your CERT Manual.

Each month we will focus on a chapter of the CERT Manual. This month is Unit 1.

CALENDAR

JUNE 1—Preparedness Expo @ Tractor Supply
JUNE 8—Preparedness Fair @ Church of the Latter Day Saints
JUNE 9—Shooter Exercise at Newport News
JULY—TBA New CERT training

Please send in any ideas, stories or suggestions for the newsletter.

This is your newsletter and "YOU MATTER"

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Jane's Korner

We are making great progress with the new Gloucester CERT Structure.

We are getting in shape with training, assigning, and preparing for whatever comes our way.

We will be having a new members class in July and the last day we will be having a practical exercise and review that will include all current CERT members.

Being prepared also includes being refreshed with our training. Stay tuned for more training classes.

I appreciate your dedication

and the time that you give to CERT. I am confident that Gloucester CERT is on the way to becoming an even stronger program within our community.

Little by little we are becoming



**Gloucester CERT,
Ready for action**

more and more visible within our community, and that is a very big plus, that goes a long way to help people know who and what we are, and what we are here to do.

This is a reflection on you, and our CERT Team. Thank you so much.

Thank you all, for all you do for Gloucester.

Answers to last months quiz:

1. 1940 Page 1-7
 2. Driving Page 1-9
 3. 30FT. / uphill Page 1-12
 4. 1 Teaspoon Page 1-16
 5. Emergency operating plan Page 1-20
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The Hurricane Preparedness Expo at Tractor Supply on 1 June 2013 was a huge success. From 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM, our members were on hand to help spread the important and vital message of hurricane preparedness to our community.

Many people stopped by our booth to ask questions, obtain informative materials and even enjoy some snacks.

Our fearless leader, Jane Wenner, led the charge. She sends out a special thank you to those members who assisted during this endeavor: Bonnie Grant, Pete Hutchinson, Stanford Owens, Bob Warren, Wes Winfree, Clyde Rising, Henry Thompson, Johnny Noles, Joan Jackson, Claudia Clifton, Clayton Rogers, Ted Fisher, John Ertel, Karen Mortenson, Dave Rhodes and Joe Pescador. Thank You one and all!



W.M.D. SECTION : by Henry Thompson

So, Henry, tell me, what exactly is a dirty bomb? I get asked this question a lot so let me clarify briefly. A **dirty bomb** is a speculative [radiological weapon](#) which combines radioactive material (RAM) with conventional explosives. The explosives will produce a [blast wave](#) far more lethal to people than the hazard posed by RAM which might be mixed with the explosive.

The RAM is included simply to contaminate the area around the blast zone. Many experts do not consider this to be a [weapon of mass destruction](#). We call it a “speculative” weapon because its impact is strictly a wild guess. Its purpose would generally be to create psychological damage through mass panic and terror and it is oftentimes called a “weapon of mass disruption”.

The dirty bomb creates panic because people generally have a lack of knowledge regarding radiation. Radiation is all around us and even sometimes within us. We must learn to respect and understand, if not appreciate, radiation.

So where would a perpetrator procure this RAM or radioactive material? Believe it or not, it is all around us. A simple example is the Americium 241 commonly found in household smoke detectors. The radioactive properties of the Am-241 make it a highly dependable indicator of unwanted smoke. But it also emits alpha radiation. Do not be alarmed however. Numerous safety factors are built into this device. When you change the battery in your detector, you will see a warning label and a “Do Not Tamper” notice. You would actually have to defeat three safety covers to unveil the harmful radioisotope. NEVER TAMPER WITH ANY RADIOACTIVE SOURCE!

The actual source is a very boring looking piece of metal. The good news is that a perpetrator would have to break open thousands of smoke detectors to create one simple dirty bomb with enough energy to ‘maybe’ cause a contamination concern.

Next month, we will distinguish between alpha, beta and gamma radiation and their harmful effects to humans. If you have any questions you would like answered in the “WMD Corner”, please submit them to jwenner@gloucesterva.info